



## **Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes**

**The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at The Ridge at Leon Valley Park, 5740 Grass Hill Drive, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:**

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**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.**

Vice-Chairwoman Bolton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with the following Commissioners in attendance: Kathy Hill, Carolyn Gabriel, Kris Ericson-Cano, Michelle Alonzo, and Alternate Joyce Trent. Absent and excused were Chairman Roger Christensen and Commissioners David Smith, Jack Dean, and Geraldine Rodriguez-Smith. Commissioner Megan Hill had emailed her resignation from the Commission. Also present were Councilmember Alcocer, Staff member Melinda Moritz; and guests Jorge Rodriguez, Gerald Acuna, Robert Acuna, and Jose Sanchez from the Alamo City Hobby Shop.

**2. Review and Consider Approval of the March 14, 2018 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Ericson-Cano made a motion to approve the March 14, 2019 Regular Park Commission meeting minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Hill. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Citizens to be Heard**

There were no citizens wishing to speak.

**4. Reports: Activities or Events that Impact Parks or Access to Parks:**

**A. Discussion and Action – Consider a Request for a Variance to Leon Valley City Code, Article 1.09 Parks and Recreation, Division 2. Use Regulations, Section 1.09.037 Park resource usage, Subsection (b), by Jorge Rodriguez of the Alamo City Hobby Shop, to Allow Radio Control (RC) Car Events at Raymond Rimkus Park (M. Moritz)**

Mr. Jorge Rodriguez and members from his group and the Alamo City Hobby Shop gave a live demonstration of RC car racing and crawling. After using the

portion of The Ridge at Leon Valley Park closest to the creek and forested area, they amended their request to use the current location rather than Raymond Rimkus Park, stating that the creek was better for crawling their vehicles and the wooded area was much more suited to their hobby.

He went on to explain that the group would like to create some natural tracks for the rock crawler toy trucks and a smoother flat track for the RC toy cars. He stated that they planned on having daily late afternoon play and then would like to hold a race once a month. He noted that they expected an average of 16 – 20 persons each day and then 50 – 60 persons at each of the monthly events.

After some general discussion, Commissioner Trent made a motion to allow the use of The Ridge at Leon Valley Park for RC car sports on a daily basis for hobbyists, that they be allowed to hold races once a month, and that the group was to submit a report on their activities and any complaints received after the first six months of use. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gabriel and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if a ribbon cutting event could be scheduled at some point to highlight their activities. Staff member Moritz stated that, if the request was approved by City Council, she was sure this could be arranged. She then informed the applicant that their request would be heard by City Council at their May meetings.

## **6. Commissioner and Staff Comments.**

Commissioner Hill informed the group that the Leon Valley Historical Society would be holding their Homestead Under the Stars event on April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and that they would be selling tickets at the door.

Commissioner Alonzo asked if Ms. Moritz would please show the Commissioners around the new park. It was decided that the meeting would be adjourned so that they could take a tour.

## **7. Adjourn**

Commissioner Alonzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Hill. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

**Minutes approved:**

Melinda Snif for  
Chairman Roger Christensen

5/9/19  
Date